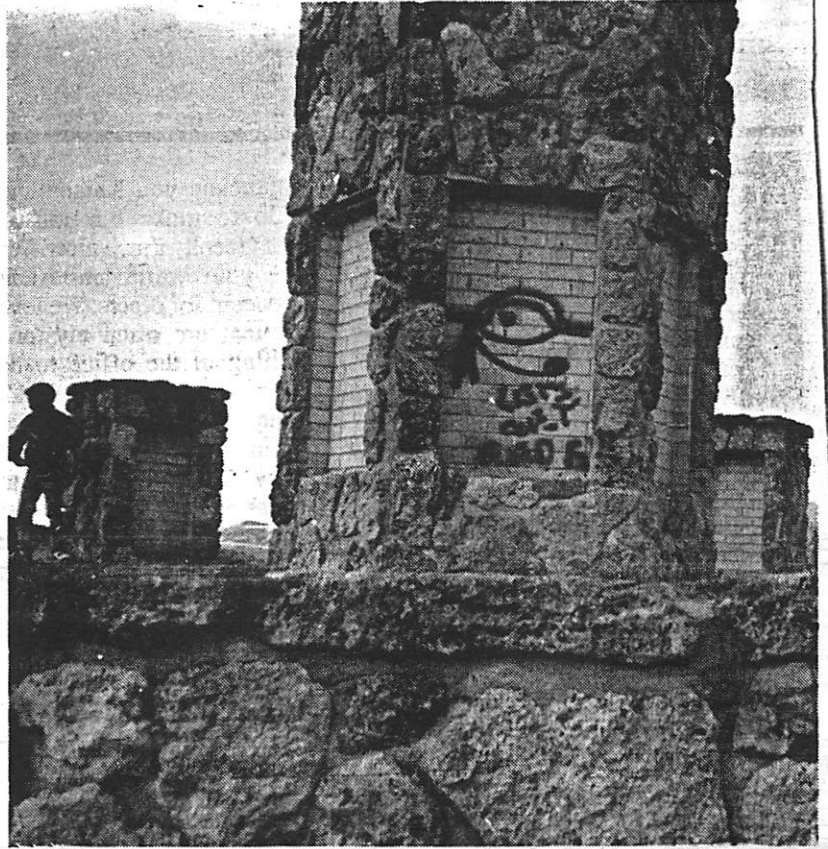


Memorial Hill Monument Vandalized During Winter



by Shirley Chatwin

A recent inspection of Memorial Hill by Daniel Ballstaedt and Mayor Reed Bezzant showed that there has been damage to the area during winter months, according to Mr. Ballstaedt.

Several of the log barricades on the top of the hill have been pushed over the side. The monument has

been defaced with graffiti and littered with broken glass. Of special concern is the cutting down of one of the pine trees that was planted a number of years ago, probably for a Christmas tree, Mr. Ballstaedt said.

About 120 trees were planted on the hill and only about 20 have survived.

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Midway Memorial Hill restoration continues

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HEBER CITY — The Wasatch County Parks and Recreation Board recently appointed Alvah Kohler, Midway, to take charge of restoring Memorial Hill as a beautiful memorial to county veterans.

"I believe some action should be taken to restore that (hill) to its rightful position in this community," Kohler told the board.

He and the board discussed some long-range goals and plans for restoring the hill, as well as a plan for a first phase that they hope to finish by Memorial Day.

Motorized vehicles, horses, and vandals have destroyed the natural vegetation, and graffiti has replaced the bronze plaques, engraved with local veterans' names, that were stolen about six years ago.

Neither Kohler nor the board

doubt county residents will rally to the cause and that the restoration can take place. But they are concerned about how to protect it so it can be enjoyed, and how to eliminate misuse. They also want to find a way to eliminate illegal activities that take place on the hill that make it unsafe for visitors, and it disrespectful to the veterans it is meant to honor.

Kohler said he was sure the Midway Boosters and Boy Scouts working on their Eagle badges would get involved in the project. However, he and the board hope it will draw county-wide interest, and that service clubs, individuals and families will volunteer to help.

One of the first problems is to get water to the top of the hill, he said. He said it is lower than Midway's storage tank, so city water could be used. Jordanelle Reservoir also is high enough that the proposed valley wide sprinkling system could be used when that time comes.

Once the hill can be irrigated, he said, many Scouts working on their Eagle badges "would love to put groves of trees on that ground." Although trees have been planted on the hill in the past, they have deteriorated over the years, and hungry deer destroyed just about all that had survived until this past winter.

